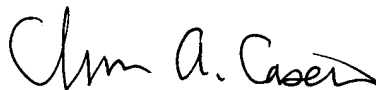


REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of this amendment prior to examination of this application. By this amendment, Claims 1-2, 5-6, 9-10, and 14 have been amended. Claims 13 and 13 have been cancelled. New Claims 15-20 have been added. Independent Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the network entry device configured in accordance with the steps of the claimed method is not an authentication device itself. Instead, it is configured to forward authenticating signals only until such time as the attached function is authenticated. Only after that authentication occurs will the network entry device forward non-authenticating signals. Independent Claim 9 has been similarly amended for the system described. New independent Claim 15 also identifies the specific configuration of the network entry device as allowing authentication signals only to be forwarded, and non-authenticating signals not to be forwarded until a separate device with authentication functionality authenticates the attached function seeking access to network services.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments made to the claims contain no new subject matter. Further, the amendments made to the claims do not increase the filing fee due in the examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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